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Arlington Municipal Airport Newsletter

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Draft Minimum Standards & Airport Development Plan

After an 18-month process, the Airport Development Plan is complete. The final draft will be available at <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/airport/airport-development-plan/>. The scope of services for the Development Plan included:

- Public workshops and committee meetings were held to obtain input from airport tenants, airport commercial operators, air traffic control tower personnel, TxDOT Aviation, various City departments, City Council and citizens;
- Forecasts of future demand, an assessment of future facility needs, the evaluation of airport development alternatives to meet the future facility needs, and a financial plan;
- An environmental evaluation, including a new noise contour study;
- A new Airport Layout Plan, which displays existing Airport infrastructure, and a comprehensive list of potential capital projects. Once approved by TxDOT Aviation and the FAA, the City may request federal and state grants for up to 90% of a project's cost, but funding is not guaranteed.

The first step in the approval process begins when the Planning and Zoning Commission considers adoption of the Development Plan, as an addition to the City's Comprehensive Plan, in early October. If approved, the City Council will consider adoption of the Development Plan later in the month.

As part of the Development Plan, the Airport is revising the Airport Governance Documents. Drafts will be available for review and comment at <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/airport/airport-development-plan/>.

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2017 and 2018 Capital Improvement Projects

The Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation has released their Capital Improvement Program for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. The Airport has received notice that two projects have been included. In FY17, TxDOT Aviation has programmed a 90% grant for the estimated \$1,536,100 cost of a new perimeter fence. The City has earmarked \$153,610 in gas well funding for the City's share.

In FY18, an estimated grant of \$1,802,400 is included for additional aircraft parking apron in the central and southern areas of the Airport. The City's share will be \$180,240, and the Airport will make a request to fund our share from gas well royalties during the next budget cycle.

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Focus on Safety

- **WHEN DRIVING ON THE AIRPORT, REMEMBER THE SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH**
- **AIR SAFETY AND SURFACE ERROR PREVENTION PROGRAM PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**
- **IF YOU NOTICE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR, MAKE NOTES OR TAKE A PHOTO OF THE ACTIVITY. CALL AIRPORT OPERATIONS AT 817-459-5571 . KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND DON'T TAKE RISKS WITH YOUR SAFETY.**

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The City retained Airport Management and Consulting Group (AMCG) to assist. AMCG provides a full range of services focused solely on the general aviation segment of the industry. Bob Trimborn was the principal consultant. He retired in 2013 after 17 years as manager of the Santa Monica Airport, which, like Arlington, has experienced rapid growth in a highly urbanized environment.

The current documents are over 20 years old, and have remained essentially the same since their adoption. The new governance documents reflect the Airport's current operating environment, and changes in regulatory standards. While most of these concern commercial operations, the Airport Rules and Regulations apply to all users of the Airport.

The drafts available for comment will include:

- General Provisions
- General Aviation Minimum Standards
- Minimum Insurance Requirements
- Leasing and Development Policy
- Airport Rates and Charges
- Airport Lease or Sub-lease Application
- General Aviation Operator and Lessee Permit Application
- Airport Design Standards
- Airport Rules and Regulations

The Airport will hold a meeting for all tenants on September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Mr. Trimborn will be available to discuss the proposed changes. The City Council will consider adopting the Development Plan and Governance Documents in late October.

ATCT Matters

Message from Tim Wollenburg, ATC Manager -

With the upcoming football season 'right around the corner' we would like to remind everyone of the increased transient traffic in and out of Arlington Airport on game day. Generally speaking, our busiest hours for air traffic is two hours prior to the game commencing and then immediately following the game for about one and one-half hours. In an effort to provide the best service to transient and local pilot alike, it would be helpful if student training flight and 'time builders' schedule their flying outside of these hours.



I would also like to address the ICAO phonetic saying of the number 0, zero, as verses the letter O, Oscar. You should always say the number 0 as zero, except when it is used in group form. For example, N201AR would be said as, "November two zero one alpha romeo". If you are filed commercially, for example, FIV504, you are right in saying your call sign as "Five Star five oh four", i.e. group form. Using your numbers/callsign in the correct format may prevent misunderstanding for you in the future and remember, this is the correct way to say it in every country, since it is an ICAO phonetic.

I also wanted to encourage you to read the July 2015 issue of CALLBACK, published by the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System. http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/publications/callback/cb_426.html